

A HUMANE FEELING

Agent Foster, Who Investigated
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SAYS THE MORMON PRISONERS

In the Penitentiary are Not Bad Men—How
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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—I was talking to-day with Mr. Foster, who will be remembered in Salt Lake as the representative of the department of justice who made an examination a year ago of the federal officers in that city. He spoke very kindly of the seventy-five Mormon prisoners who are confined in the Utah penitentiary for violating the law against plural marriage. "It is not right," he said, "to regard them as criminals. That impression exists in the east, but it is unjust. They are not criminals. All that I know are men of the highest integrity. There are none of the number whom I could not put upon their honor and trust implicitly. I do not approve of their infraction of the law, but that, after all, is an article of their religious faith and cannot be called a crime.

"Will the men serve out their terms or are they likely to be pardoned by the President?"

"I cannot say as to that," replied Mr. Foster, modestly. "It is my impression, however, that both the President and attorney-general would regard with strong favor any application for pardon from these gentlemen which contained the declaration that they would in future abstain from the practice of polygamy."

Father Nugent's Good Work in Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 25.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—Tears are being shed in hundreds of families here over the leaving of Father F. J. Nugent, eight years parish priest. He was unable to hit with Bishop Burke. Rev. Nugent was a rarely progressive priest. He brought a fine convent to the town, had the diocese erected, organized three Catholic societies, established a parochial school and built a church. He goes to Philadelphia.

Reconciliation and Separation.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 25.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—J. N. Woodruff and wife, who had a reconciliation here Saturday, coming from Denver and Boise City, respectively, are separated again. This time the man has money, \$150, and watch and rings. They were together in Des Moines last spring and he bolted in ten weeks after a divorce. Mrs. Woodruff will be a mother very soon. Her family is a good one.

Sheriff of Yorkshire.

LONDON, March 25.—Arthur Wilson, at whose house the late Queen was assassinated, has been appointed by the Queen to be sheriff of Yorkshire. The report is in circulation he is soon to be knighted.

Whitewater for California Legislators.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 25.—The joint committee of the senate and assembly appointed to investigate the alleged cases of bribery, reports there is nothing to show money was used in any manner to influence any member of the legislature in reference to the constitutional convention. As the committee is unable to procure any direct evidence before adjournment to-night, it makes this report.

Among the bills which have passed the present legislature and received the governor's signature are:

One providing for submitting to the people of the state the question of electing United States Senators by direct vote; appropriating \$300,000 for California's exhibit at the World's fair; establishing a modification of the Australian ballot system.

The resolution introduced in the senate to-day instructing the attorney-general to turn over the papers connected with the alleged bribery in the constitutional contest to the grand jury was, after a hot debate, referred to a committee.

The committee on judiciary reported back the resolution as amended to allow the attorney-general to take such action as he deems advisable. It was then adopted.

A Female Forty-Days Fester.

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